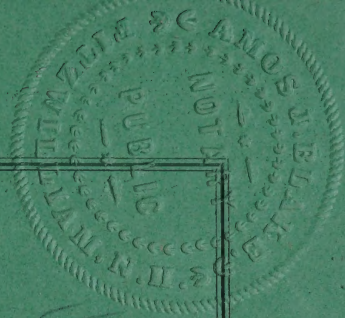


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*In compliance with the law of the State, the Superintending School Committee of Keene, submit to the Town the following Report of the Schools, for the year ending March 11th, 1862:—*

The sum raised by the town for the support of Schools, at its last Annual Meeting, was \$3.786.00. The amount of Literary Fund received by the town was \$294.00. The amount raised by the High School Associated Districts was \$900.00; amounting in all to the sum of \$4.980.00 appropriated for the support of Public Schools in the town during the year. In addition to this, there has been paid for instruction in Private Schools the sum of \$275.00, making the amount expended in town for the purpose of education, \$5.255.00.

At no previous period in their history have our schools generally done better than during the past year. We have no unpleasant disturbances to report, and in schools where such things were known in former years, there has been decided improvement.

The Committee have been highly gratified in observing the good order, discipline and cheerful obedience to the teachers, which generally prevailed, and also the kindly relations which existed between teachers and pupils.

In several of the schools we found the same teachers who had successfully taught them in former years; and in those schools where new teachers were employed, we felt satisfied that they came to their work with a determination to do their whole duty, and they were generally successful.

Permanency in a teacher's office is desirable, both for the sake



of the profession itself, and for the success of its labors. The frequent change of teachers annoys and hinders a school, interferes with the harmony of its arrangement, and prevents its working to the best advantage.

Prudential Committees should exercise great care in their selection of teachers, and even then, mistakes will sometimes be made; for aptness to teach is not an invariable accompaniment of literary qualifications. Experiment only can determine whether a teacher has the ability to maintain discipline and to arouse that enthusiasm which is desirable.

### SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Mr. WHELOCK visited Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 6.

Dr. THAYER visited Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11.

Mr. TILDEN visited Centre, and Nos. 7, 8, 12, and 13.

CENTRE. *Summer*.—Primary Department. There were two terms of this school, (of 11 and 6 weeks,) taught by Miss M. C. HAMBLET. First term, number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 45; tardiness, 27. Second term, number of scholars, 53; average attendance, 41; tardiness, 13.

Miss Hamblet is an experienced teacher, and well qualified to govern and instruct. Kind and forbearing in her deportment towards her scholars, she secured their good will and affection. The school made good progress in their studies and gave general satisfaction. Owing to sickness among the scholars the second term was not so long as at first intended.

The Winter term of the Primary Department was under the charge of Miss S. MARTHA ROBINSON; length of school, 14 weeks. Number of scholars, 72; average attendance, 64; tardiness, 17.

Miss Robinson has many of the desirable qualifications of a teacher. Her cheerful and pleasant disposition won the good will of her pupils, and she entered on her duties with a sincere desire to benefit and improve them. Her efforts were untiring, and her influence on those under her care was very good. In all our visits we found a steady improvement in the deportment of the scholars, as well as in their studies. The exercises we

witnessed near the close of the term were very creditable to such young children.

The Middle Department in the Summer consisted of two terms of 11 and 9 weeks, under the care of Miss ELLEN P. STONE. First term, number of scholars, 49; average attendance, 45; tardiness, 9. Second term, number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 34; tardiness, 2. (The average attendance of this term was very much reduced by sickness among the scholars.)

The Winter term of the Intermediate Department was also under the care of Miss Stone; length of school, 14 weeks.—Number of scholars, 51; average attendance, 48; tardiness, 19.

Miss Stone's services are highly appreciated by the district. Her qualifications and method of instruction are too well known to need any description from us, and the entire success of her school shows that neither labor nor pains have been spared to make her scholars understand what they have studied.

At the different examinations, the scholars displayed very praiseworthy proficiency, and not only that, but a thoroughness in their knowledge, which showed that the mind, and not the mere memory, had been successfully brought into training by the teacher.

Intermediate. *Summer*.—There were two terms of this school, of 10 1-2 and 9 weeks, both taught by Miss LOUISA R. RANDALL. First term, number of scholars, 43; average attendance, 36; tardiness, 16. Second term, number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 26; tardiness, 14.

Miss Randall was an industrious and faithful teacher, and labored hard for the advancement of her pupils. Considerable improvement was made in the order of the school and in many of the exercises, particularly in Reading and Geography, but some of the other exercises were not quite equal to our expectations. The teacher must have felt that some of the scholars did not appreciate the advantages and opportunities for instruction afforded them. There seemed to be a lack of interest on the part of a few of the older pupils, which made it somewhat difficult to keep up the spirit of emulation so necessary for the progress of a school.



No. 1. Primary. Miss MARTHA A. WHEELER taught 3 terms of 11, 8, and 12 weeks. Number of scholars each term, 50, 52, 34; average attendance, 43, 42, 28; tardiness each term, 16, 20, 15.

A lively and spirited school, most excellent in its government, good in reading and defining words, good every way. The register reports no maps or charts, or globe. No means of ventilation in the winter.

No. 1. Intermediate. Miss ELLEN M. LIVINGSTON taught 3 terms of 11, 9 and 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 41, 48, 51; average attendance, 33, 35, 41; tardiness each term, 27, 19, 47.

The government was not very strict, but much credit must be given to the general management of the school. Much intelligence and ingenuity was shown in varied efforts to interest the scholars in their recitations. Using no tiresome book-questions, the teacher kept the classes wide awake by new and unexpected doubts and queries; and Geography, often so dull, was thus made a pleasure both to teacher and class, and very interesting to the observer. The same practical skill enlivened the reading classes, and much excellence was attained in reading, and also in singing.

No. 2. Primary. Miss MARIA N. MESSENGER taught 3 terms of 10, 10 and 12 weeks. Number of scholars in each term, 85, 69, 68; average attendance of 3 terms, 74, 62, 55; tardiness each term, 35, 19, 23.

In addition to these, Miss ELIZABETH W. POOLE taught for 10 weeks in the Fall, 30 scholars, averaging 26; cases of tardiness, 111.

Under the care of Miss Messenger, who is well known as a faithful and reliable teacher, this school has had a year of uninterrupted prosperity. She seems to have administrative capacity for any number of pupils, but it was found necessary to transfer a portion of them in the Fall term to Miss Poole, who taught in a room in Mrs. Azel Wilder's house. The room was not well adapted to the purpose, and school discipline was not very strictly enforced, but the children seem to have learned as much as is to



be expected or desired of those of their age. Only 4 of them were over 7 years of age.

No. 2. Intermediate. Miss IRENE A. CARPENTER taught two terms of 10 weeks each and 6 1-2 weeks of the third term. Number of pupils each term, 60, 60, 65; average attendance, 55, 50, 55; tardiness each term, 23, 6, 12.

Many will recollect the demoralized condition of this department the previous year, when there were not wanting those who asserted that no woman could govern this school. Nevertheless, it has been admirably governed, although punishment has ceased to be a regular exercise. This school was so superior in all respects that it seems superfluous to particularize; we may say, however, that we do not remember ever to have met in one school so many excellent readers as we found in this the past year.—The last term was interrupted for a time by the illness of Miss Carpenter, but is now being continued by Miss Helen M. Wheeler, well known to the district as a very successful teacher.

No. 3. Two terms. *Summer*.—Miss MYRA LAKE taught 12 weeks, 23 pupils, with an average attendance of 16, and 16 cases of tardiness. This was a good school; the teacher had both skill in government and tact in teaching.

*Winter*.—Mr. EDWIN A. KEMP taught 15 weeks. Number of pupils, 43; average attendance, 38; tardy, 2.

This was a diligent, hard working school. Much excellence was attained in reading and enunciating the sounds of letters. Arithmetic and Grammar seem to have been taught very thoroughly, more so than Geography. The teacher seems to have infused into the school an energy which made progress easy and rapid. Much credit is due to No. 3.

No. 4. *Summer*.—Miss ELLEN H. GAY, teacher. Term of ten weeks. Scholars, 16: boys, 6; girls, 10. Average attendance, 12. Tardinesses, 12.

*Winter*.—Miss MARY S. WHITCOMB, teacher. Term of 14 weeks. Scholars, 19: boys, 10; girls, 9. Average attendance, 16. Tardinesses, 60.

Sixty instances of tardiness in one term in a school of nineteen children are hardly justifiable. We do not think it was owing

in this case to any fault in the teacher, except a neglect to take any decided measures to stop it. There should always be free communication between the teacher and the parents in regard to this as well as other matters which concern the conduct and welfare of the children.

Only one of the boys studied either Geography or Grammar during the Winter term. We learned on inquiry that they had brought permission from home to omit these studies—not because their parents had any objection to them, but simply because the children were disinclined to pursue them. At the same time, they had no substitute for these studies, and much of their time was necessarily wasted, as several of them were too old to require the whole day for Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic.

No. 5. *Summer*.—Miss A. L. ELLIS, teacher. Term of 12 weeks. Scholars, 16: boys, 6; girls, 10. Average attendance, 10. Tardinesses, 3.

*Winter*.—Miss LIZZIE C. PHILLIPS, teacher. Term of 10 weeks. Scholars, 11: boys, 5; girls, 6. Average attendance, 9. Tardinesses, 8.

Good teachers, and a good school. It is to be hoped that school districts will learn how much better it is for the school to retain a teacher as long as she is willing to stay, when they have secured one who is of the right sort. A good teacher becomes more valuable to the district every term—as has been clearly proved in some of our schools which have continued for several years under the same teacher.

No. 6. *Summer term*. Number of pupils, 30; average attendance, 24; 18 instances of tardiness.

Miss ALMA C. LEACH, taught 16 weeks. This school was orderly, quiet and industrious, and, excepting the reading, appeared well at the close.

*Winter term*.—Miss ELLA H. GAY taught 16 weeks. No. of pupils, 28; average attendance, 21; tardiness, 33.

There was improvement in reading, and classes in Geography appeared well.

No. 7. There were two terms of 10 weeks each in this school, both under the charge of Miss LOIS W. LEACH. First term,



number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9 1-2; tardiness, 1. Second term, number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9 3-4; tardiness, 0.

Miss Leach is an interesting and thorough teacher, and the school under her tuition made good improvement. The exercises at the close gave much pleasure to all who were present, and afforded gratifying evidence of the proficiency of the pupils in their studies. Several maps drawn on the black-board by the pupils in Geography were quite good.

No. 8. *Summer*.—Miss CATHERINE B. HASTINGS taught 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 9; tardiness, 13.

This teacher was quite young, and this was her first school; but she evidently liked her employment and aimed to benefit those under her charge to the best of her ability. There was good order in the school, and the pupils appeared very well at the close of the term, showing evident improvement in their studies.

The Winter term of 8 weeks was under the charge of Mr. HIRAM BLAKE. Number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 18; tardiness, 44.

This was a successful school. The teacher was earnest in his work, and as a consequence the scholars were attentive to their duties, and made good improvement in their studies. The closing exercises gave general satisfaction. The classes in Geography and Arithmetic appeared well, and the pupils apparently understood their subjects.

No. 9. *Summer*.—Term of 8 weeks. Miss ESTHER M. GURLER, teacher. Scholars, 7: boys, 2; girls, 5. Average attendance, 6. Tardinesses, 0.

*Winter*.—Term of 11 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 8: boys, 4; girls, 4. Average attendance, 7. Tardinesses, 0.

The pupils always appeared orderly, attentive and industrious. The fact that there was no instance of tardiness during the year speaks well for the disposition of the children and the influence of the teacher.

No. 10. *Primary*. 1st term, 11 weeks. Miss M. L. WOODWARD, teacher. Scholars, 56: boys, 25; girls, 31. Average

attendance, 42. Tardinesses, 13. *2d term*, 10 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 51: boys, 22; girls, 29. Average attendance, 44. Tardinesses, 8. *3d term*, 13 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 48: boys, 23; girls, 25. Average attendance, 37. Tardinesses, 29.

The general influence of the teacher in this school is good, and the deportment of the children is all that could be desired. We should prefer to see less study required of so young children; but this is as much the parents' fault as the teacher's.

Intermediate. *1st term*, 11 weeks. Miss AUGUSTA S. CHASE, teacher. Scholars, 54: boys, 17; girls, 37. Average attendance, 42. Tardinesses, 58. *2d term*, 10 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 49: boys, 17; girls, 32. Average attendance, 39. Tardinesses, 72. *3d term*, 13 weeks. Miss JOSEPHINE A. LEES, teacher. Scholars, 61: boys, 26; girls, 35. Average attendance, 50. Tardinesses, 80.

Tardiness is a fault for which there is generally no excuse, and no other small fault has so bad an influence on a school.—Teachers should always know whether there is any reason for a child's tardiness, and it should not be passed over without the parents' being called upon to prevent it. It has been unfortunate for this school that the teacher has been three times changed within the last two years. For several years previously it was regarded as equal to any in town—which can hardly be said of it now.

No. 11. *1st term*, 9 weeks. Miss BIAL W. WILLARD, teacher. Scholars, 35: boys, 19; girls, 16. Average attendance, 31. Tardinesses, 7. *2d term*, 10 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 32: boys, 17; girls, 15. Average attendance, 24. Tardinesses, 6. *3d term*, 12 weeks. Same teacher. Scholars, 33; boys, 20; girls, 13. Average attendance, 25. Tardinesses, 11.

A good school, and is benefited by retaining the same teacher for a number of successive terms. Unless there is some serious objection to a teacher, it is an injury to a school to change.

Many of the school houses in town have openings in the ceiling and roof for ventilation, but the house in No. 11 has none. It



is a good indication that the teacher in her report to the School Committee calls attention to this deficiency. A wooden trunk may be carried from the ceiling up through the roof at a small expense, and the comfort and health of the inmates will be much improved. The diminished attendance in the third term was owing to the prevalence of measles in the district.

No. 12. Miss FRANCES A. CHASE had the charge of this school during the Summer term of 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 11; tardiness, 1.

Miss Chase fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. The school was characterized by good order and steady application, and the results, as presented at the examination, were very satisfactory and showed that the time had been well improved. The exercises in Arithmetic were particularly good. The school room at the close of the term was beautifully decorated with evergreen and boquets of flowers, which added much to the interest of the occasion.

The Winter term of 11 weeks was under the care of Mr. HENRY J. WYMAN. Number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17; tardiness, 8.

Many of the scholars in this school were quite advanced. The teacher was devoted to his profession and labored to impress on the minds of his pupils the importance of a thorough knowledge of whatever they attempted to learn, and the examination showed that they had profited by his instruction. We have not named any one of the different recitations as particularly excellent, for where all did so well, we should be reluctant to single out any one for special commendation.

No. 13. *Summer*.—Miss ELLEN M. STONE, teacher; length of school, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 17; tardiness, 14.

This was Miss Stone's first attempt at teaching, and we think she was very successful. She commenced her labors with a good degree of interest and spirit, and continued them to the end.—The order was good, and the scholars were interested and attentive to their studies; and the appearance of the school during the term and at the close was alike creditable to the teacher and pupils.

The Winter term of 13 weeks was taught by Mr. ALANSON A. NIMS. Number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 25, nearly; tardiness, 59.

This was a profitable school. Mr. Nims evidently understands his business. The recitations of the scholars displayed in general an intimate acquaintance with the branches of study pursued by them; the answers were prompt, and the lessons appeared to be well learned. The improvement in reading was very apparent. The exercises at examination were very satisfactory to all who witnessed them.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Summer term, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 80: males, 30; females, 50. Average attendance, 76. Number not absent, 58. Tardy, 0. Number of visits by Superintending Committee, 12; Prudential Committee, 8: citizens, 175.

Fall term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 82: males, 34; females, 48. Average attendance, 78. Number not absent, 60.—Tardy, 0. Visits by Superintending Committee, 13. Prudential Committee, 11. Citizens, 245.

Winter term, 14 weeks. Number of scholars, 94. Males, 43: females, 51. Average attendance, 91. Not absent, 68. Tardy, 0. Visits by Superintending Committee, 15. Prudential Committee, 12. Citizens, 525.

The school has continued under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. BURBANK, efficiently assisted during the Winter term by Miss FANNY WHITCOMB, formerly a pupil in the High School, and well qualified for the situation.

The above statistics show that the punctuality of the past year surpasses any former year, and we think that the attendance and punctuality of the scholars cannot be excelled by any High School whatever, as there has not been a single mark for tardiness throughout the whole year.

It is with pleasure that we can point to our High School as affording ample means for an extended course of study, and as elevating the standard of attainments to which every pupil may aspire.

The Keene High School has for some time been considered both at home, and by many experienced educators who have visited it, as justly entitled to be ranked among the best institutions of the kind,



and the Committee believe that it has at no former time maintained a higher standard of excellence than during the past year.

The methods of instruction are well calculated to excite and maintain the interest of the scholars. They are intended to encourage a habit of independent thought and of careful investigation and free discussion in each branch of study. These methods aim to give pupils not only a thorough knowledge of the subjects studied, but such command of their own resources as to enable them to make their acquired knowledge available in any situation to which they may be called.

There have been introduced into the High School the past year some of the modern gymnastic exercises. Many of these late inventions are a great improvement on the old gymnasium and entirely consistent with the decorum proper to the school room. Much credit is due the teachers for properly appreciating this subject, and giving that attention to the details which has enabled them to introduce these exercises without the aid of a special assistant. Although this important part of education has as yet received but little attention, except in a few of our larger towns, it would seem evident, that the time is coming when no considerable educational institution will be considered complete without some system of physical training.

In connection with this subject is that of ventilation. The Committee of one of our larger towns report, "We are convinced that bad ventilation is a frequent cause of illness to teachers," and there would seem to be no doubt that much of the fatigue and exhaustion experienced by them and attributed to severity of their labor, is more properly chargeable to the same cause. This matter is understood and well attended to in the High School and by the older teachers, but there are always a few who seem unconscious that the same air breathed over a few times is unfitted to sustain life. How should they know? They can neither see, taste nor handle it. We once visited a school where fifty pairs of lungs had for some hours been pumping in and out the same air they had begun upon in the morning. The Prudential Committee went in at the same time, but in a few minutes became ill and was obliged to leave. We were glad to do the same, and were forcibly reminded of an experiment once tried with sparrows.

Two sparrows were placed under an air-tight receiver, and on the limited supply of air contained in that, they would live apparently cheerful, about two hours, then die suffocating and gasping. But if

at the end of the first hour, a fresh sparrow was introduced, he suffocated and died instantly, while the other two, getting used to dying, running their machinery of life at a lower speed, lived an hour longer than their dead companion.

This hints strongly in favor of punctuality whether at school, lecture rooms, parish meetings, circles, or any crowded rooms where the sparrow experiment is being tried on a larger scale.

A hole in the top of a room does not necessarily ventilate the room. No air can go out, unless as much comes in from other places. Now the other places are never provided, but the teacher is left to her own inventions. In No. 10 and No. 1 there are no windows which can be opened without letting the winter blast upon the heads of those in the seats or those in the classes. In Centre and No. 2 there are windows opening directly upon the stoves: these answer every purpose, but some teachers have kept them open in ordinary winter weather, some not at all. In the Centre School house we have caused cold air registers to be placed under the stoves, but these are not always used, and we are convinced that *no* contrivance will be, until there is a more general knowledge of the necessity of attending to this thing.

We would again suggest the propriety of admitting to the High School properly qualified scholars from other districts on their paying a *pro rata* compensation for tuition.

The crowded condition of our schools in the village continues to be an evil, and it is one which the districts should remedy at once by providing new accommodations.

It cannot be good economy to place eighty or ninety pupils under one teacher, in a room not capable of holding with anything like comfort more than fifty scholars. As there is a limit to the number of scholars that can be placed in one room, so there is a limit to the number of pupils that can be profitably taught by one teacher of average capacity.

This is not to be settled by any abstract reasoning. The question has been discussed and considered by competent teachers, and the conclusion arrived at is, that forty pupils are sufficient for one teacher.

GEO. TILDEN.

G. A. WHEELOCK,

WM. H. THAYER.

KEENE, March 11, 1861.

*Superintending Committee.*



TABLE I.—SUMMER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,.....	Centre.		No. 1.		2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13
	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.
Length of school, in weeks,...	19	19	20	19	20	20	12	10	12	16	10	10	8	21	21	19	8	10
Whole number of pupils,...	43	104	48	52	60	99	23	16	16	30	12	13	7	54	51	35	14	22
Males,.....	26	58	24	21	30	41	11	6	6	14	9	7	2	17	25	19	3	7
Females,.....	17	46	24	31	30	58	28	10	10	16	3	6	5	37	31	16	11	15
Average attendance,.....	32	90	35	43	50	81	17	13	10	24	9	9	6	41	43	29	11	17
No. of pupils over 16 years,...	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
No. of pupils under 16 years,...	43	104	47	52	60	99	23	16	16	30	12	13	7	54	51	35	10	22
No. of tardy marks,.....	22	64	46	36	29	161	16	12	3	18	1	13	0	130	21	12	1	14
No. not tardy,.....	30	78	34	40	50	48	15	9	13	20	11	6	7	26	46	28	13	12
No. not absent half day,....	4	27	11	20	11	10	4	1	0	1	2	0	1	22	17	7	2	3
Whole number of visits,.....	128	205	132	154	195	218	65	19	39	84	20	19	26	131	156	98	29	28
Visits by S. S. Committee,...	6	13	8	8	12	16	4	3	3	6	2	3	2	9	8	4	2	3
Visits by Prud. Committee,...	7	10	4	4	7	9	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	4	5	3	0	2
Wages of teacher per month, including board,.....	25	26	22	21	26	26	16	13	16	16	14	15	11	21	20	21	13	16

TABLE II.—WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICTS,.....	Centre.		No. 1.		No. 2.		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.	I.	P.
Length of school, in weeks,...	14	14	12	11	12	12	15	14	10	16	10	8	11	13	13	12	11
Whole number of pupils,...	72	51	34	61	68	65	43	19	11	28	12	23	8	48	57	33	20
Males,.....	48	31	16	26	33	35	28	10	5	14	10	12	4	23	24	20	9
Females,.....	24	20	18	25	35	30	15	9	6	14	2	11	4	25	33	13	11
Average attendance,.....	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	10	8
No. of pupils over 16 years,...	67	51	34	47	68	65	33	17	11	26	10	23	8	48	55	31	10
No. of pupils under 16 years,...	17	19	15	47	23	12	2	60	8	33	0	44	0	29	80	11	8
No. of tardy marks,.....	55	43	24	30	55	52	41	5	9	13	12	9	8	35	28	25	14
No. not tardy,.....	6	13	2		4	11	6	1	1	2	1	4	0	7	10	1	3
No. not absent half day,....	110	105	109	77	159	109	76	36	11	52	29	16	35	94	106	41	32
Whole number of visits,.....	6	6	5	5	7	10	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	8	4	2	3
Visits by S. S. Committee,...	4	4	2	3	4	4	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	4	5	2	0
Visits by Prud. Committee,...	64	48	28	41	52	55	38	16	9	21	10	18	7	38	50	24	17
Wages of teachers per month including board,.....	22	28	22	24	26	28	43	18	18	19	18	33	16	24	26	28	25

NOTE.—In the above Tables, the Fall Terms have been considered a part of the Summer Schools, and an approximate average made of the attendance of the two terms.

TABLE III.

Districts.	No. Schol- ars in each District.	Prop'rtion to each District.	Prop'rtion to each Scholar.	Amount of Money raised.
Centre,....	216..	808.73..	3.74..	Raised by the Town,
1,.....	120..	460.96..	3.05..	3,786.00
2,.....	241..	855.01..	3.54..	Literary Fund, 294.00
3,.....	50..	197.90..	3.95..	
4,.....	23..	109.90..	4.77..	\$4,080.00
5,.....	22..	106.60..	4.84..	
6,.....	37..	155.42..	4.20..	
7,.....	16..	87.08..	5.44..	Raised by Asso- ated Districts for the High School, 900.00
8,.....	24..	113.19..	4.71..	
9,.....	12..	74.10..	6.17..	Rent of Building for use of the High School, 250.00
10,.....	171..	628.11..	3.67..	
11,.....	58..	223.96..	3.86..	
12,.....	22..	106.63..	4.84..	
13,.....	36..	152.41..	4.23..	\$1,150.00
	1,048..	\$4080.00..	\$3.89..	\$5,230.00

TABLE IV.

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Prudential Committees.</i>	SUMMER SCHOOLS.		WINTER SCHOOLS.	
		<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>	<i>Teachers.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Centre.	Augustus Wilder.	Miss Ellen R. Stone, Miss Lovisa B. Randall, Miss Myra E. Hamblet, Miss Ellen M. Livingston, Miss Martha A. Wheeler, Miss Irene A. Carpenter, Miss Maria N. Messenger,	Marlborough. Sury. Swanzey. Keene. Keene. Keene. Stoddard.	Miss Ellen R. Stone, Miss S. Martha Robinson.	Marlborough. Keene.
No. 1.	J. J. Johnson.	Miss Ellen M. Livingston, Miss Martha A. Wheeler, Miss Irene A. Carpenter, Miss Maria N. Messenger,	Keene. Keene. Keene. Stoddard.	Miss Ellen M. Livingston, Miss Martha A. Wheeler, Miss Irene A. Carpenter, Miss Maria N. Messenger,	Keene. Keene. Keene. Stoddard.
No. 2.	F. F. Lane.	Miss Maria N. Messenger,	Stoddard.	Miss Helen M. Wheeler,	Keene.
No. 3.	Eugene S. Ellis.	Miss Myra Lake,	Rindge.	Mr. E. A. Kemp,	Sullivan.
No. 4.	Charles Wright.	Miss Ella H. Gay,	Swanzey.	Miss Mary S. Whitcomb,	Swanzey.
No. 5.	Sylvester Nurse.	Miss Abbie L. Ellis,	Swanzey.	Miss Lizzie C. Phillips,	Nelson.
No. 6.	Joseph Wilson.	Miss Alma C. Leach,	Keene.	Miss Ella H. Gay,	Swanzey.
No. 7.	Jacob Staples.	Miss Lois W. Leach,	Westmoreland.	Miss Lois W. Leach,	Westmoreland.
No. 8.	Jarib S. Herrick.	Miss C. B. Hastings,	Keene.	Mr. Hiram Blake,	Rindge.
No. 9.	N. G. Joslin.	Miss Esther M. Gurtler,	Keene.	Miss Esther M. Gurtler,	Keene.
No. 10.	S. Woodward.	Miss Sarah A. Chase,	Keene.	Miss Josephine A. Lees,	Winchendon, Ms.
No. 11.	C. Cooper.	Miss Lizzie Woodward,	Keene.	Miss Lizzie Woodward,	Keene.
No. 12.	David Baker.	Miss Bial W. Willard,	Keene.	Miss Bial W. Willard,	Keene.
No. 13.	Charles Eyleth.	Miss Frances A. Chase, Miss Ellen M. Stone,	Keene. Keene.	Mr. Henry J. Wymann, Mr. Alanson A. Nims,	Keene. Sullivan.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SELECTMEN OF KEENE,

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1862.

#### *Town Officers.*

Paid	Ebenezer Clark, Selectman, ending March, 1861,	185 00
"	Nelson N. Sawyer, " " "	195 00
"	Elias Joslin, " " "	170 00
"	George H. Tilden, Town Clerk,	50 00
"	Francis A. Faulkner, Town Agent,	20 00
"	Royal H. Porter, Town Treasurer,	10 00
"	George Tilden, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
"	George H. Wheelock, " "	25 00
"	William H. Thayer, " "	25 00
"	George B. Twitchell, Moderator.	5 00
"	A. S. Davis, Police, 2 years ending April, 1861,	50 00
"	H. W. Cooper, Police, 1 year " "	26 25
"	Joseph F. Perry, " " "	25 00
"	Everett L. Abbott, " " "	25 00
"	Richard D. Packard, " " "	27 00
"	Christopher Gates, " " "	12 00
"	Joel Cowee, Jr. " Aug., 1861,	8 33
"	Thomas Wilcox, " Oct., " "	20 00
		\$903 58

#### *Keene Fire Department.*

Paid	Joseph P. Wells,	
Services as Engineer,		10 00
Cleaning Snow from Reservoirs,		1 60



Two gallons Fluid,	1 34
One gallon Alcohol,	1 00
Two quarts Oil,	62
Help on Engine,	1 00
Cleaning Hose and Carriage,	2 50
Services as Steward,	15 00
Examining Reservoirs,	12 00
Examining Fire Districts,	20 00
Refreshments,—Fire on Court-street,	5 50
Refreshments,—Fire at West Keene,	10 02
Work at Engine House,	1 00
Washers and Leather for Gaskets,	1 25 .
Refreshments,—Fire of February 7th,	22 25
Paid David H. Parker,	
Cleaning Snow from Engine Houses,	4 50
Building and keeping Fires,	2 50
One day's work at Engine House,	1 00
Paid Edward Edwards,	
Services as Engineer,	5 00
Paid Laton Martin,	
Horse and Man to Fires in 1859,	5 50
Horse and Man to Fires in 1860,	2 00
Paid New Hampshire Sentinel,	
Printing 400 Warrants,	2 00
Printing 1050 Warning Notes,	3 75
Paid John A. Drummer,	
Wood for Engine House,	1 62
Paid William L. Davis,	
Fixing Beam to Engine,	1 00
Repairing Fire Hook,	75
One Fire Hook and Painting,	10 50
Paid Eunice Kingsbury,	
Cleaning Uniforms,	4 24
Paid Isaac Sturtevant,	
Printing 800 Notifications,	2 75
Printing 150 Pamphlet Laws,	6 00

Printing 800 Rules and Regulations and By-Laws,	9 00
Printing 100 Blank Appointments,	3 00
Printing 150 Warning Notes,	1 50
Paid Button & Blake,	
492 feet Hose, with Patent Coupling,	506 24
One set Connecting Screws,	5 00
Boxing and Freight,	1 25
Express on Air Chamber,	1 75
Altering Outlets, Air Chamber,	10 00
Paid Francis A. Perry,	
Patterns for Caps,	75
7 pounds Brass Castings,	1 95
Altering Outlet,	2 50
2 1-10 days' Machine Work, C. R. R.	5 25
Expenses and Labor,	4 50
Paid Alonzo S. Bradford,	
Services as Steward,	16 00
Paid Neptune Engine Company,	
Services,—39 men,	195 00
Paid George H. Wilder,	
Four thousand Spruce Shingles,	12 00
One thousand Clapboards,	10 00
Fifty pounds Nails,	1 87
Zinc and Carting,	50
One Door Lock and Hinges,	1 96
Seventeen days' Work,	27 32
Roofing,	30
Use of Stagings and Carting,	1 00
Twenty-six lights Glass for old Windows,	2 60
Forty-eight lights new Windows,	5 80
6 pairs Blinds,	10 80
Painting one pair Blinds,	21
Seven sets Blind Fastenings,	88
Two hundred and ninety feet Pine Lumber,	8 00
Paid Deluge Engine Company,	
Services,—40 men,	200 00

Paid Hook and Ladder Company, Services,—20 men,	100 00
Paid Leonard W. Trumbull, Painting and Varnishing Deluge,	7 91
Painting and Varnishing Neptune,	7 00
Paid Dexter Whitcomb, Whitewashing Deluge Engine House,	2 00
Paid Express Company, Freight on Caps from Portsmouth,	87
Freight on Air Chamber from Waterford,	1 50
Paid Cheshire Railroad Company, Freight on Hose from Waterford,	2 30
Paid George Holmes & Brother, Mending Spring,	50
Staples,	25
Mending Spanners,	50
Paid William A. Norwood, Work and Stock at Engine House,	11 00
Paid Solon S. Wilkinson, Repairing Hose,	6 62
Straps,	38
Paid Cheshire Railroad Company, Rent of Land four years,	60 00
Paid Abijah Wilder, Rent of Land one year,	15 00
Paid Samuel W. Frink and Company, Three Pairs Rubber Pants,	6 90
Four Rubber Caps,	5 25
Two Rubber Coats,	6 00
One Cord Wood,	3 25
Sawing one cord Wood,	75
Paid Eli and William Dort, Forty-eight pounds Red Paint,	5 82
Thirteen ounces Lead Paint,	13
Two quarts Boiled Oil,	45



Two Days Work,	3 50
One Light Glass,	7
Paid Orville H. Gillett,	
Repairing Lamps,	25
Soldering Coupling,	17
Setting Pump, &c.,	75
One Watering Pot,	42
Paid George H. Richards,	
Men after the Fire of February 7th,	6 62
Paid Elliot and Ripley,	
Chain and Bolts,	50
Paid Tilden and Greeley,	
One Trunk,	1 37
Paid O. Gilman Dort,	
Two quarts Fluid,	34
Castor Oil and Alcohol,	94
Paid Albert Kingsbury,	
Services as Steward,	25 00
Amount Expended,	<hr/> \$1486 43
Amount Raised for Fire Department,	800 00
Amount Raised for New Hose,	600 00
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The Fire Department, you will see by the above Report, have expended a larger sum than the town appropriated at its last Annual Meeting. The expense of repairing the Engine House, after the Fire in August last, was quite an item, and a number of bills we have paid the present year that have been standing two and three years, and that the numerous Fires have made it more expensive for the condition of the Department, we would refer you to the Chief Engineer's Report. We are pleased to say that we have heard no fault with the Department the past year, and that the Firemen and Hook and Ladder men have always been found ready and did their duty manfully and to the satisfaction

of all. At the Fire of February 7th our Firemen worked at the brakes until nearly exhausted, when our citizens were asked to lend a helping hand, and a portion of them responded to the call immediately, while others refused unless paid for it. Why is it that some of our citizens always refuse to lend a helping hand at a Fire, but stand in the way with their hands in their pockets, and give directions to every one in the hearing of their voice? Would it not be as well for them to leave the management to the proper officers? Some of the ladies, to shame these men, lent a helping hand, at the most critical time, by carrying water to the top of the three-story brick block when it was on fire. We would recommend to these men, if we are so unfortunate as to have another Fire, to have a good pair of buckskin gloves, lined with lamb's wool, to put on, and an old suit of clothes, so they can "wade in" and be of some service.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Selectmen Report, that the Soldiers' Relief Committee, chosen at a citizens' meeting, paid the following bills for the month of May:

To Mrs. G. H. Muchmore,		To Mrs. J. J. Wakefield,	
2 3-4 lbs. Cheese,	45	9 pounds Sugar,	71
1 lb. Tea,	50	1-2 pound Tea,	25
4 lbs. Sugar,	32	1 pound Soda,	7
1 dozen Eggs,	15	3 pounds Butter,	49
1 pound Raisins,	15	1-2 pound Cream Tartar,	19
Beef,	15	2 dozen Eggs,	28
1 1-8 yard Ladies' Cloth,	1 27	2 quarts Molasses,	13
4 Linen Handkerchiefs,	50	2 quarts Oil,	34
2 " " "	67	1 bag Salt,	17
3-4 yard Berage,	38	20 pounds Beef,	1 59
2 yards Braid,	16	4 pounds Pork,	38
1 pair Hose,	15	4 pounds Veal,	42
1 Hoop Skirt,	1 20	House Rent,	3 00
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To Mrs. A. M. Wilder,		To Mrs. W. Ruffle,	
1 Pair Shoes,	1 38	1 Boys Hat,	75
1 Hat and Trimmings,	1 74	4 1-4 yards Cloth,	3 19
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	\$3 12		\$3 94

To Mrs. Richard Green,	
4 feet Wood,	1 75
5 1-2 pounds Butter,	97
1 pound Tea,	50
3 pounds Lard,	38
15 pounds Sugar,	1 17
1 pound Raisins,	15
5 pounds Rice,	28
1 dozen Bread,	5
1 gallon Molasses,	38
3 bars Soap,	35
3 quarts Kerosene Oil,	69
1-4 barrel Flour,	1 97
24 pounds Veal,	2 34
33 pounds Beef,	3 13
10 pounds Pork,	1 11
Mutton,	15
Potatoes,	71
1 pair Shoes,	80
1 pair Congress Boots,	2 00
2 pairs Hose,	1 00
3 yards Cotton Flannel,	38
7 yards Cotton,	77
Money,	1 00
Milk,	1 50
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	\$23 53

To Mrs. G. W. Marsh,	
23 pounds Flour,	1 00
6 pounds Sugar,	48
4 pounds Lard,	56
2 pounds Butter,	40
1 pound Saleratus,	8
1-2 pound Tea,	29
2 pounds Soap,	18
2 ounces Nutmegs,	16
4 ounces Cream Tartar,	10
4 ounces Cassia,	10
Dried Apples,	50
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	\$3 85

To Mr. L. T. Howe,	
For Board,	6 00
11 yards Prints,	1 10
6 yards Cotton,	60
1 pair Shoes,	1 37
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	\$9 07

To Mrs. S. C. Richardson,	
1 1-2 pounds Tea,	79
13 pounds Sugar,	99
5 pounds Butter,	93
3 pounds Lard,	44
2 pounds Candles,	28
1 pound Saleratus,	9
1 gallon Molasses,	37
1 bushel Potatoes,	40
8 quarts Beans,	50
6 feet Wood,	3 00
3 pair Shoes,	1 96
Pork,	56
Beef,	2 11
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	\$12 42

To Mrs. W. C. Wheeler,	
1-4 barrel Flour,	1 94
1 pound Tea,	50
12 pounds Sugar,	79
10 pounds Fish,	44
3 pounds Butter,	54
3 pounds Lard,	38
1 pound Saleratus,	7
4 pounds Dried Apple,	24
4 quarts Beans,	23
1 quart Fluid,	20
Corn and Peas,	14
1 peck Meal,	19
House Rent,	4 58
Ploughing Garden,	50
1 Hat,	75
15 yards Cotton,	1 35
18 yards Prints,	1 80
1 yard Silicia,	14
1 yard Ladies' Cloth,	1 00
Thread and Silk,	6
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	\$15 84

To Mrs. Jo. Reed,	
Bill of Goods at Barker's,	\$3 00

To Mrs. W. J. Rahn,	
Beef,	\$0 58

To G. W. Turner,	
Money,	\$3 00



To Mrs. R. Atwood,	
10 pounds Sugar,	62
8 pounds Dried Apple,	48
5 pounds Lard,	64
1 pound Tea,	50
1 pound Saleratus,	7
1 pound Cream Tartar,	34
6 pounds Butter,	1 08
1-4 barrel Flour,	1 94
1-2 bushel Meal,	37
1-4 bushel Rye,	19
8 quarts Beans,	51
2 quarts Vinegar,	10
4 bars Soap,	36
1 gallon Fluid,	60
2 dozen Eggs,	28
10 1-2 pound Pork,	1 56
10 1-2 feet Wood,	6 75
House Rent,	4 16
Meat,	3 39
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	\$23 94

To Mrs. C. Pressler,	
1 pound Coffee,	17
1-2 pound Tea,	25
2 pounds Lard,	23
2 pounds Butter,	40
1 pound Cheese,	12
4 pounds Sugar,	32
2 quarts Molasses,	19
Milk,	34
House Rent,	2 50
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	\$4 52

To Mrs. G. F. Russell,	
1 1-4 bushel Potatoes,	58
1-2 bushel Meal,	37
1-2 bag S. P. Lime,	1 33
4 pounds Lard,	50
1-2 pound Tea,	25
1 pair Shoes,	1 37
6 yards Brown Cotton,	54
9 Knitting Cotton,	36
1 Spool Thread,	4
Ploughing Garden,	50
House Rent,	2 50
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	\$8 34

To Mrs. H. Joslin,	
1 can Coffee,	60
1 kit Mackerel,	2 50
2 quarts Kerosene Oil,	45
11 pounds Butter,	2 15
20 pounds Sugar,	1 66
4 pounds Lard,	52
1 pound Tea,	58
4 pounds Salt,	8
1 pound Starch,	12
3 dozen Eggs,	43
2 ounces Nutmegs,	16
4 ounces Pepper,	5
8 ounces Ginger,	6
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	\$9 36

To Mrs. H. G. Holton,	
7 pounds Sugar,	60
1 pound Saleratus,	9
1 pound Cocoa,	30
3 1-2 pounds Butter,	58
6 quarts Beans,	34
2 dozen Eggs,	28
4 bars Soap,	40
9 pounds Beef,	75
10 pounds Pork,	81
19 pounds Veal,	1 56
1 bushel Potatoes,	60
Goods at S. Barker's,	1 22
Moving Goods,	1 75
1 pair Shoes,	1 37
4 feet Wood,	1 75
Milk,	28
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	\$12 68

To Mrs. F. Steck,	
Meat,	1 04
3 pairs Shoes,	1 49
1 pound Tea,	58
1 pound Coffee,	10
10 pounds Sugar,	75
3 pounds Lard,	37
4 pounds Dried Apple,	24
10 pounds Rice,	60
2 bars Soap,	40
Cash—House Rent,	7 38
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	\$12 95

To Mrs. A. S. Bradford,	
6 pounds Sugar,	48
6 pounds Lard,	84
4 pounds Butter,	80
1 bag Salt,	25
2 quarts Kerosene Oil,	23
Beef,	33
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	\$2 93

To Mrs. G. H. Vose,	
1 gallon Molasses,	25
1 pound Tea,	50
4 pounds Butter,	72
6 pounds Dried Apple,	36
6 pounds Fish,	27
2 pounds Lard,	25
1-4 barrel Flour,	1 94
2 bars Soap,	18
2 pairs Shoes,	1 75
Milk,	1 52
6 pounds Veal,	36
3 pounds Beef,	30
12 pounds Ham,	1 50
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	\$9 90

To Mrs. M. Gorman,	
1 bushel Potatoes,	40
6 pounds Sugar,	48
3 pounds Butter,	54
1-2 pound Tea,	25
1-4 barrel Flour,	2 00
43 quarts Milk,	2 15
House Rent,	3 00
Meat,	33
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	\$9 15

To Mrs. E. L. Abbott,	
1 bar Soap,	20
1-4 barrel Flour,	1 97
4 pounds Lard,	48
5 pounds Butter,	87
11 pounds Sugar,	88
3 pounds Cheese,	31
1 Broom,	25
1 gallon Fluid,	60
Cash—House Rent,	6 00
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	\$11 56

To Mrs. S. Ruffle,	
1-2 barrel Flour,	3 63
7 pounds Butter,	1 35
1 pound Tea,	75
23 pounds Pork,	2 93
1 bushel Potatoes,	45
1 gallon Molasses,	40
2 quarts Kerosene Oil,	46
2 dozen Bread,	10
1 pair Shoes,	1 15
Beef and Pork,	50
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	\$11 72

To Mrs. C. Austin,	
2 1-2 pounds Butter,	50
6 pounds Sugar,	48
1-2 pound Tea,	29
1 pair Shoes,	1 30
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	\$2 57

To W. Calef,	
One pair Boots,	\$3 00

To Benjamin Ruffle,	
One Blanket,	\$1 50

They paid to the individuals named, for the month of June, as follows:

Mrs. W. J. Rahn,	8 00
" J. J. Wakefield,	8 00
" S. White,	8 00
" S. C. Richardson,	14 00
" L. T. Howe,	8 00
" H. G. Holton,	12 00
" M. W. Clark,	14 00
" H. T. H. Pierce,	14 00
" S. Ruffle,	12 00
" H. Joslin,	8 00
" A. S. Bradford,	8 00
" C. Austin,	4 00
" J. Calef,	12 00
" G. H. Muchmore,	8 00
" G. Spencer,	4 00
" G. F. Russell,	4 00

Mrs. F. Steck,	12 00	Mrs. M. Gorman,	4 00
" W. C. Wheeler,	14 00	" R. Atwood,	14 00
" C. Pressler,	4 00	" W. Ruffle,	4 00
" G. Vose,	12 00	" E. L. Abbott,	8 00
" G. W. Marsh,	8 00	Miss E. Kilburn,	4 00

The following sums have been paid by the Selectmen to the family of Soldiers who have been mustered into the United States service :

To Mrs. W. J. Rahn,		November,	12 00
For July,	8 00	December,	12 00
August,	8 00	January,	12 00
September,	9 98	February,	12 00
October,	8 00	March,	12 00
November,	8 00	To Mrs. J. Calef,	
December,	8 00	For July,	12 00
January,	8 00	August,	12 00
February,	8 00	September,	14 04
March,	8 00	October,	12 00
To Mrs. M. W. Clark,		November,	12 00
For July,	14 00	December,	12 00
August,	12 00	January,	12 00
September,	17 84	February,	12 00
October,	14 00	March,	12 00
November,	14 00	To Mrs. W. C. Wheeler,	
December,	14 00	For July,	14 00
January,	14 00	August,	12 00
February,	14 00	September,	17 98
March,	14 00	October,	14 00
To Mrs. L. T. Howe,		November,	14 00
For July,	8 00	December,	14 00
August,	8 00	January,	14 00
September,	9 98	February,	14 00
October,	8 00	March,	14 00
November,	8 00	To Mrs. R. Atwood,	
December,	8 00	For July,	14 00
January,	8 00	August,	12 00
February,	8 00	September,	18 04
March,	8 00	October,	14 00
To Mrs. H. G. Holton,		November,	14 00
For July,	12 00	December,	14 00
August,	12 00	January,	14 00
September,	13 98	February,	14 00
October,	12 00	March,	14 00



To Mrs. C. Pressler,	
For July,	4 00
August,	4 00
September,	5 98
October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00
To Mrs. W. Ruffle,	
For July,	4 00
August,	4 00
September,	4 00
October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00
To Mrs. H. T. H. Pierce,	
For July,	14 00
August,	3 00
November,	14 00
To Mrs. Horace Joslin,	
For July,	8 00
August,	2 00
September, Tax,	1 98
February,	6 00
March,	12 00
To Mrs. S. Ruffle,	
For July,	12 00
August,	3 00
September, Tax,	1 98
February,	7 00
March,	14 00
To Mrs. G. F. Russell,	
For July,	4 00
August,	1 00
September, Tax,	1 98
To Mrs. F. Steck,	
For July,	12 00
August,	3 00
September, Tax,	1 98
To Mrs. M. Gorman,	
For July,	4 00
August,	1 00

September, Tax,	2 04
To Mrs. C. Austin,	
For July,	4 00
August,	1 00
September, Tax,	2 04
October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00
To Mrs. H. A. Thompson,	
For October,	14 00
November,	14 00
December,	14 00
January,	14 00
February,	14 00
March,	14 00
To Mrs. S. C. Richardson,	
For October,	14 00
November,	14 00
December,	14 00
January,	14 00
February,	14 00
March,	14 00
To Mrs. G. W. Phelps,	
For October,	12 00
November,	12 00
December,	12 00
January,	12 00
February,	12 00
March,	12 00
To Children of W. Dunlap,	
For October,	14 00
November,	12 00
December,	12 00
January,	12 00
February,	12 00
March,	12 00
To Mrs. A. Salter,	
For October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00

To Mrs. W. Eastman,	
For October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00

To Mrs. A. Houghton,	
For November,	12 00
December,	12 00
January,	12 00
February,	12 00
March,	12 00

To Mrs. C. Nye,	
For September,	6 00
October,	8 00
November,	8 00
December,	8 00
January,	8 00
February,	8 00
March,	8 00

To Mrs. L. A. Alexander,	
For September,	8 00
October,	8 00
November,	8 00
December,	8 00

To Mrs. C. N. Tottingham,	
For September,	8 00
October,	8 00
November,	8 00
December,	8 00

To Mrs. G. H. Willard,	
For September,	4 00
October,	4 00
November,	4 00

To Mrs. F. A. Beliveau,	
For September,	4 00
October,	4 00
November,	4 00

To Mrs. E. Hadley, Jr.,	
For September,	14 00
October,	14 00
November,	14 00

To Mrs. D. Sumner,	
For October,	12 00
November,	12 00
December,	12 00
January,	12 00
February,	12 00
March,	12 00

To Mrs. A. J. Crown,	
For November,	14 00
December,	14 00
January,	14 00
February,	14 00
March,	14 00

To Mrs. J. R. Bromley,	
For November,	8 00
December,	8 00
January,	8 00
February,	8 00
March,	8 00

To Mrs. W. Howard,	
For November,	8 00
December,	8 00
January,	8 00
February,	8 00
March,	8 00

To Mrs. W. Wilbur,	
For October,	4 00
November,	4 00
December,	4 00
January,	4 00
February,	4 00
March,	4 00

To Mrs. C. F. Brainard,	
For October,	4 00
November,	4 00

To Mrs. G. W. Marsh,	
For July,	8 00
August,	2 00
December,	12 00
January,	12 00
February,	12 00
March,	12 00

To Mrs. A. S. Bradford,		To Mrs. T. Carroll,	
For July,	8 00	For December,	8 00
August,	2 00	January,	12 00
December,	8 00	February,	12 00
January,	8 00	March,	12 00
February,	8 00	To Mrs. I. P. McMaster,	
March,	8 00	For December,	8 00
To Mrs. O. G. Dort,		January,	8 00
For December,	12 00	February,	8 00
To Mrs. G. H. Muchmore,		March,	8 00
For December,	8 00	To Mrs. J. R. Brown,	
To Mrs. W. K. Crossfield,		For December,	14 00
For December,	12 00	January,	14 00
January,	12 00	February,	14 00
February,	12 00	March,	14 00
March,	12 00	To Mrs. J. S. Starkey,	
To Mrs. H. Towne,		For December,	4 00
For December,	12 00	January,	8 00
January,	12 00	February,	8 00
February,	12 00	March,	8 00
March,	12 00	To Mrs. R. C. Crawford,	
To Mrs. B. F. Clement,		For January,	12 00
For December,	12 00	February,	12 00
January,	12 00	March,	12 00
February,	12 00	To Mrs. W. Rahn,	
March,	12 00	For three months,	42 00

## RECAPITULATION.

We have paid the following		Mrs. G. Vose,	21 90
sums to the persons in this		" S. C. Richardson,	110 42
list:		" C. Pressler,	46 50
Mrs. G. H. Muchmore,	22 05	" W. J. Rahn,	82 56
" J. Reed,	3 00	" M. W. Clark,	141 84
" M. Gorman,	20 19	" L. T. Howe,	91 05
" F. Steck,	41 93	" H. G. Holton,	134 66
" H. Joslin,	47 34	" J. Calef,	122 04
" S. Ruffle,	61 70	" W. C. Wheeler,	157 82
" G. W. Marsh,	69 85	" R. Atwood,	165 98
" A. S. Bradford,	52 93	" W. Ruffle,	43 94
" C. Austin,	37 61	" C. H. Blake,	82 04
" G. F. Russell,	19 32	" S. White,	33 98
" E. L. Abbott,	19 56	" G. Spencer,	28 00
" R. Green,	23 53	" E. R. Wyman,	85 98



Mrs. H. T. H. Pierce,	45 00	Mrs. H. Towne,	48 00
" H. A. Thompson,	84 00	" B. F. Clement,	48 00
" G. W. Phelps,	72 00	" T. Carroll,	44 00
" A. Salter,	24 00	" I. P. McMaster,	32 00
" W. Eastman,	24 00	" J. R. Brown,	56 00
" D. Sumner,	72 00	" J. S. Starkey,	28 00
" C. Nye,	54 00	" R. H. Crawford,	36 00
" L. A. Alexander,	32 00	" J. J. Wakefield,	16 02
" C. N. Tottingham,	32 00	" W. Rahn,	42 00
" G. H. Willard,	12 00	" A. M. Wilder,	3 12
" F. A. Beliveau,	12 00	Miss E. Kilburn,	40 00
" E. Hadley, Jr.,	42 00	G. W. Turner,	3 00
" A. Houghton,	60 00	Benjamin Calef,	3 00
" A. J. Crown,	70 00	Children of W. Dunlap,	74 00
" J. R. Bromley,	40 00	Ben Ruffle,	1 50
" W. Howard,	40 00		
" W. Wilber,	24 00	Amount paid out,	\$3.049 36
" C. F. Brainard,	8 00	Amount raised,	\$2.500 00
" O. G. Dort,	12 00		
" W. K. Crossfield,	48 00	Excess of Expenditure,	\$549 36

In closing this Report, we wish to state that on the thirty-first day of August the town held a meeting to take legal action for the support of families of volunteer soldiers, and the town voted to borrow and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the support of families up to the annual meeting; but you will see by the Report that we have exceeded that amount by about five hundred dollars. The town voted to those families of four and more than four an additional two dollars more than the State would allow; and the town also voted to abate all poll taxes to those who may volunteer and are mustered into the United States' service; and this sum, in addition to the above, amounts to about one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Some of the volunteers claimed the privilege of paying their poll tax, but there were but a few of this class. The Committee chosen at a citizens' meeting assisted the families in the month of May by giving them orders to go to the stores and get what they needed; and some of them could not be satisfied by drawing from the Committee double the amount that they would receive

in money as we are now paying, and quite a number who were volunteers in the State Militia, but were never mustered into the United States' service, were those who drew the most from the Committee, and found the most fault. It appears that some of these families were the most destitute, for within six hours after they were enlisted some of them called for assistance, and it was astonishing how destitute some of these families were.—Some of them had a strong desire and were quite anxious to send their children to church about this time, but they had no clothes or shoes for themselves or children, neither had they any provisions wherewith to appease their hunger, and they were well cared for by the Committee: and their digestive organs must have been in a remarkably healthy state, as you will readily see by the Report. After the three months men had returned, and the town had voted to pay back the poll tax, and it had been received by the men, how much good did it do their families? We think that some of our citizens can tell, after seeing some of them reeling around our streets and abusing our peaceable citizens. It would not do, say our wise ones, to arrest them, or do anything with them,—“oh, no!” for they have “suffered, fought, bled and died” for their country, and now let them have a good time. It will be remembered by a number of our citizens when a company of volunteers, made up partly from this town, came home after being gone some four weeks, and some of them threatened to tear down our buildings and murder our peaceable citizens if they did not come up to the “scratch,” and assist their families to whatever they might want; and the citizens, to appease their wrath, called another meeting, and voted that the Committee should pay to the wife one dollar per week, and an additional dollar for each child under sixteen years of age; but not to exceed fourteen dollars per month to any one family; and this was satisfactory to most of them. After the Committee had paid for the month of June, they wished to be released from their duties, and the Selectmen have paid the remainder of the time. We have made it a rule to pay in the afternoon of the first day of every month and one month in advance, and we

have now paid up to the first day of April. We carried out the vote of the citizens' meeting until the town meeting of August thirty-first, when the Selectmen were chosen a Committee and instructed to pay the same amount as had been paid. After advice from the best counsel in town, and by letter from the Auditor stating distinctly that the State would not reimburse the money to the town only when it was paid out where the families paid to were in actual need of such relief, and by a letter from the Governor, of which we annex a copy, we, in the month of January, did not pay to nine families who had been receiving aid from your Committee. We have endeavored to pay out this money impartially to the families, notwithstanding the many threats that have been made to your Committee by some citizens of this town, and from soldiers who have returned to town on a furlough. We have paid the money direct to the wife in all cases but one, where we paid the amount to the soldier, and he receipted for the money and put it into his pocket and left for Washington, without letting his wife and child know what he had done, or without leaving the money with her.

The following from the Governor :

#### STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.]

CONCORD, Dec. 11, 1861.

#### *To whom it may concern :*

In answer to several letters from Selectmen of towns, soldiers' wives and others, making inquiries as to the rights of towns aiding the families of volunteer soldiers from this State in the service of the United States, agreeably to an act of the Legislature, passed July 4, 1861, the undersigned feels obliged to state that, with the multiplicity of duties devolving upon the Executive Department at the present time, it is impossible to make reply in detail to all the inquiries and communications received upon this subject. All persons interested are respectfully referred to the law, which, being fully examined, explains the rights and duties of all parties.

The undersigned would respectfully suggest that Selectmen of towns and others, should especially notice the proviso in the last clause of the first section of said act; also that families of



soldiers must reside in this State to obtain the benefit of the act. All sums expended by towns and cities must only be expended in strict conformity with the law to obtain the remittance from the State. (Signed) NATHANIEL S. BERRY.

The proviso alluded to is as follows: *Provided*, such persons are indigent, and stand in need of such relief.

SCHOOLS, INCLUDING TAX RAISED.

Paid High School Associated Districts,	1.838 22
Centre School District,—Tax assessed, \$120 00,	726 55
School District No. 1,	345 72
“ No. 2,	641 24
“ No. 3,	197 90
“ No. 4,—Tax assessed, \$7 50,	117 40
“ No. 5,	106 60
“ No. 6,	155 42
“ No. 7,	87 08
“ No. 8,	113 19
“ No. 9,	74 10
“ No. 10,—Tax assessed, \$50 00,	521 08
“ No. 11,	223 96
“ No. 12,	106 63
“ No. 13,	152 41
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	\$5.407 50
Amount raised by the Town,	3.786 00
“ “ by High School,	1.150 00
“ voted by Centre District,	120 00
“ “ by District No. 10,	50 00
“ “ by District No. 4,	7 50
Literary Fund,	294 00
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	\$5.407 50

The town voted, at its last Annual Meeting, to divide the School Money as follows, viz:—Give to each School in each District the sum of thirty-five dollars, and the remainder of the money to be divided by the scholar. The past year there were three Districts with two Schools each, and one with three Schools; the remaining ten Districts had but one School.

*Jail Fees and Board.*

Board and key fees,	Alonzo Stone,	1 25
"	" Miss Hale,	1 25
"	" Miss Watson,	1 25
"	" George Ryne,	1 25
"	" Philip Carroll,	1 25
"	" James Donahue,	1 25
"	" John Foley,	1 25
"	" Samuel Ruffle,	1 25
"	" Wilson,	1 63
"	" Mike Gorman,	1 25
"	" William Cag,	1 25
"	" Lewis Stone,	1 25
"	" Charles R. Cross,	87
"	" A Woman, name unknown,	1 25
"	" Isaac Blanchard,	1 25
"	" Isaac Blanchard's son,	1 50
"	" William H. Gregory,	1 25
"	" I. H. Blake,	1 25
"	" George Mustard,	1 25
"	" Daniel O'Brine,	1 25
"	" A Man, name unknown,	1 63
"	" Vigor,	1 25
A. T. Wilder,	Cleaning Room for S. Ruffle,	1 00
"	Cleaning Clothes for L. Stone,	1 25
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		\$29 38

*Town Paupers.*

## PAID

Town of Claremont, for support of Charles Wetherbee,	32 83
Town of Alstead, support of Isaac C. Hubbard,	3 35
Levi Page, support of Timothy Ellis' children,	100 00
Charles N. Wilder, Bill furnished Pest House, 1859,	11 07
Briggs & Hitchcock, Coffins, Robes, &c.,	14 25
Geo. B. Twitchell, Medicine and Attendance,	41 50
William S. Briggs, Coffin and Robe,	6 50

A. F. Maynard, support of Washburn girls,	59 00
A. S. Carpenter, Med., Attendance, &c. for Julia Joslin,	27 25
Josiah Grimes, support of Madison child,	38 58
R. D. Packard, Work at Pest House, 1859,	1 00
F. A. Faulkner, Advice and Agreement, Marsh child,	2 00
Shelly & Sawyer, Bill of Goods to Mrs. James Bates,	21 81
“ “ “ Mrs. L. Crowley,	19 01
“ “ “ Mrs. W. Pierce,	2 00
“ “ “ S. A. Mason,	6 01
N. H. Insane Asylum, support of Mary C. Wyman,	122 09
G. W. Eastman, bill of Wood & Rent for Mrs. R. Bowen,	6 30
Joseph C. Tolman, support of Mrs. Tolman,	25 00
Edmund Woodward, support of Philinda Pond,	39 00
Simeon A. Mason, Services as Sexton,	2 75
Town of Stoddard, support of Geo. Tufts' family,	16 00
Samuel Heaton, moving Geo. Tufts' goods,	5 00
Mrs. S. Bryant, support of Chauncey Bryant,	48 00
Osborne & Hale, Coffin and Robe for Mrs. Marsh, 1860,	6 00
W. B. Chamberlain, Medical Attendance,	3 00
Cheshire Railroad, Fare of Geo. Sears to Boston,	2 75
William French, Bill of Goods to Mrs. R. Bowen,	3 37
John A. Drummer, for Wood,	13 12
Stillman Wilson, support of Cornelius Wilson,	10 00
William Baker, support of Ann Baker,	20 00
Hosea Foster, Services as Sexton,	2 25
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	\$708 79

### *County Paupers.*

#### PAID

Elias Joslin, for Fare on Railroad,	5 00
George Mansfield, for Wood,	2 75
George Willard, for support of Abby Howe one year,	91 00
John Colony, for Wood,	25 29
Briggs & Hitchcock, for Coffins, &c.,	12 00
Lewis Pemberton, for support of Dean child one year,	52 97
Barney Griffith, for support of Haffee child one year,	34 00



William French, for Groceries one year,	168 45
Hosea Foster, for Services as Sexton,	5 00
Madison Fairbanks, for Wood and House Rent,	40 71
Laton Martin, for Team to H. O. Perry's funeral, 1859,	1 50
F. A. Faulkner, for Indentures and Affidavits,	2 50
Shelly & Sawyer, for Groceries one year,	25 35
C. & C. Mason, for Wood,	8 75
C. T. & G. B. Buffum, for Clothing for Lines boy,	2 25
Silas Hardy, for Affidavits,	2 67
Charles Bridgman, for support of Delay child,	3 00
Samuel Heaton, for Wood for D. Lines,	1 75
George J. Peasley, for support of Belle Martin's child,	28 83
Cheshire Railroad, for County Paupers,	15 30
O. P. Hall, for Shoes,	1 75
E. N. & L. W. Cumings, for Meat,	2 20
A. & J. Bancroft, for Meat,	2 39
E., C. & F. E. Keyes, for Wood,	3 30
Elisha Ayer, for House Rent one month,	1 50
Cate Tyler, for House Rent three months,	9 00
Mrs. N. Trask, for support of Naomi Smith,	16 25
N. N. Sawyer, for Transient,	26 77
Ashley Jones, for Board and Lodging,	1 27
W. S. Briggs, for Coffins, &c.,	6 50
J. A. Drummer, for Wood,	15 75
Timothy Kalleher, for House Rent,	10 83
Geo. B. Twitchell, for Medical Attendance,	37 00
A. & A. E. Metcalf, for Wood,	4 13
G. & G. H. Tilden, for School Books,	2 21
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	\$669 92

*Goods for Town Farm.*

Paid Shelly & Sawyer, for 442 lbs. Sugar,	38 07
“ “ 10 lbs. Tobacco,	3 26
“ “ 10 lbs. Snuff,	2 50
“ “ 7 lbs. Coffee,	1 49
“ “ 24 lbs. Saleratus,	1 50
“ “ 39 lbs. Lard,	5 08

Paid Shelly & Sawyer, for	22 lbs. Butter,	4 36
"	179 lbs. Codfish,	7 44
"	6 lbs. Rice,	40
"	29 lbs. Tea,	23 35
"	2 lbs. Raisins,	30
"	2 lbs. Cracked Wheat,	12
"	1 lb. Starch,	12
"	1 lb. Castile Soap,	17
"	14 bbls. Flour,	101 87
"	11 bushels Rye,	9 71
"	80 doz. Crackers,	4 00
"	56 gallons Molasses,	25 04
"	5 gallons Oil,	5 00
"	6 quarts Kerosene Oil,	86
"	8 bushels Salt,	3 97
"	6 bags F. Salt,	1 29
"	2 kits Mackerel,	3 25
"	36 lbs. Clover Seed,	4 32
"	1 1-2 bushel H. G. Seed,	5 82
"	2 Scythes and Stone,	1 46
"	4 Axe Handles,	1 00
"	1 Axe,	1 00
"	1 Shovel,	1 10
"	1 Molasses Hogshead,	75
"	1 Pail,	20
"	1 Bucket,	30
"	1 Jar,	30
"	Crockery,	2 54
"	Matches,	30
"	Clothes Line and Bed Cords,	1 09
"	1 bottle Pepper Sauce,	12
"	1 bottle Pickles,	75
"	12 lights Glass,	36
"	1 lb. Wicking,	25
"	179 yards Sheeting,	19 34
"	79 yards Prints,	8 28

Paid Shelly & Sawyer, for 29 yards Denims,	3 05
“ 23 “ Flannel,	3 18
“ 20 “ Tweed,	4 13
“ 12 “ Crash,	1 38
“ 3 “ Gingham,	37
“ 3 “ Linsey,	54
“ 4 lbs. Batting,	56
“ Thread, Buttons, &c.,	3 63
“ 2 Boys' Caps,	72
“ 5 Handkerchiefs,	50
“ Making and Trimming Pants,	2 00
Paid O. G. Dort, for 4 lbs. Sugar,	39
“ 2 dozen Lemons,	59
“ 9 Combs,	1 15
“ 4 lbs. Snuff,	1 34
“ 1 lb. Tobacco,	33
“ Castor Oil and Sulphur,	85
“ Garden Seeds and Quinine,	62
“ Gin and Rhubarb Root,	1 11
“ Alum and Indigo,	25
“ Soap and Whiskey,	53
“ Pain Curer and Beeswax,	40
“ Gum Camphor and Essence,	25
“ 3 bottles Clark's Bitters,	1 75
“ Dover's Powders and Paper,	26
“ 3 Herrick's Plasters,	50
“ 1 box Radway's Pills,	25
“ $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Peppermints,	12
“ Medicine as Prescriptions,	4 42
“ Alcohol,	10 15
Paid Wm. H. Brooks, for Shoeing Horse,	5 99
“ Shoeing Oxen,	5 26
“ Work on Wagon,	1 63
“ Work on Sleigh,	3 50
“ Fixing Sad Irons,	67
“ Fixing Wedges and Staples,	50
“ Ironing Water Trough,	1 17
“ Rivets and Hoops,	30
Paid A. & J. Bancroft, for 475 lbs. Salt Pork,	52 31



Paid A. & J. Bancroft, for 137 lbs. Beef,	6 85
"                    2 Barrels,	2 00
"                    1 Rennet,	25
Paid Charles N. Wilder, for 3 Pigs, Bill 1860,	7 50
Paid Harvey W. Cooper, for Work on Force Pump,	1 50
Paid Albert J. Grimes, for one Ox,	50 00
Paid Daniel Dickinson, for 3 Pigs,	6 00
Paid Samuel B. Crossfield, for Water Trough,	7 75
Paid Ebenezer Leach, for 285 lbs. Salt Pork,	22 80
"                    240 lbs. Salt Beef,	12 00
"                    Potatoes and Sugar,	33 13
"                    Services one year on Farm,	250 00
Paid Josiah Sawyer, for 5 bushels Potatoes,	2 00
Paid Oliver Willson, for fixing Pump,	2 25
Paid David Hutchins, for 1 pair Shoes for W. H. Gregory,	2 00
"                    19 pairs Shoes,	18 38
"                    1 pair Socks for Gregory,	25
"                    Mending Boots and Shoes,	1 33
"                    1 pair Mittens,	75
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	\$835 81
Paid for County Paupers,	669 92
"    Town Paupers,	703 79
"    Jail Fees and Board,	29 38
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Paid for support of Paupers,	\$2.233 90
Amount raised by the Town,	1.200 00
Amount received of the County,	995 54
"    "    from Stoddard,	27 25
"    "    from Town Farm,	33 60
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	\$2.256 39

The jail fees have been quite large the past year, although the Police have endeavored to make their prisoners pay their board and key fees, or retain them, but there were a number who were quite destitute, and were let off without paying the fee. The town paupers have increased largely this year, and

we have endeavored to assist this class of unfortunate persons so they might not suffer. Quite a number have been allowed a small amount of groceries at their homes, to prevent their being carried to the Town Farm, which is much the cheapest way of supporting them.

At the Town Farm there have been two deaths,—one of them a Town and the other a County charge.—The health of those remaining are quite good. There are now at the Town Farm eighteen persons, of whom seven are a County charge. Out of town, we are assisting one at Sullivan, one at Marlow, two at Walpole, one at Hinsdale, one at Surry, and one at the N. H. Insane Asylum, at an expense of three hundred and forty-two dollars, and it is done at a much cheaper rate than we could support them at the Town Farm, as most of them are with some friend, and we have not paid in any case more than one dollar per week, except the one at the Insane Asylum. There have been some cases where we have paid smaller amounts to towns where they have assisted persons belonging to this town. The case of George Tufts :—we moved his family of five to this town, and he soon followed them, to make an increase to the expenses of the town in future years. The case of James M. Bates, who is now in jail on a serious charge, has left a family of five for the town to take charge of, and whom we have already assisted. Also, the death of Lawrence Crowley left a family of six to be supported by the town.

Of the County paupers there is a large class, and most of them are foreigners and are very destitute. There are in this town a number of families, consisting of from three to seven, that we have assisted through the year, and a number that we have assisted to a small amount. This town has lost from time to time with this class of persons by the County Commissioners' not allowing the claims presented by the Selectmen. We have known cases where they have cut down the bills one-half where we have paid for groceries and medical attendance. How it is in other towns we are unable to say. We have endeavored to assist them as economically as we could, and not let them suffer

for the common necessities of life. We would recommend to the town to choose an Overseer of the Poor,—as it is, where there are three, and they not being together, they are liable to be imposed upon, as you will readily see. A person claiming assistance will go to one and gain a little, and then go to another the same day and gain his sympathies.

*Highways and Bridges, 1860.*

Paid	Jarib S. Herrick, for Work on Highway,	8 32
"	Chauncey B. Billings, " "	6 00
"	Charles H. Ellis, " "	6 58
"	John Lawrence, " "	4 50
"	William Dickinson, " "	1 50
"	Benjamin F. Foster, " "	15 50
"	Madison Fairbanks, Timber for Railing, &c.	8 50
"	E. L. Kimball, Work on Highway,	5 35
"	N. N. Sawyer, Bills paid,	15 94
"	Charles Wyman, Work on Highway,	4 00
"	Eugene S. Ellis, " "	7 33
"	Albert Pond, " "	1 50
"	Horace L. Goodnow, " "	5 00
"	John W. Nye, " "	2 54
"	Daniel Goodnow, " "	8 39
"	Daniel A. Brown, " "	4 75
"	A. T. Stearns, " "	2 00
"	Daniel Allen, " "	1 75
"	A. H. Towns, " " 1859,	3 00
"	David B. Stearns, " "	3 00
"	William H. Woodward, " "	2 50
"	George K. Wright, Timber for Railing,	2 00
"	F. A. Faulkner, writing Road Contracts,	4 00
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		\$123 95

*Highways and Bridges, ending March 1, 1862.*

Paid	Charles Lovejoy, for Work on Highway,	42 00
	John Lawrence, " "	41 22
	Albert E. Pond, " "	31 25



Paid Jarib S. Herrick, for Work on Highway,	24 76
Daniel Darling, " "	31 25
Horace L. Goodnow, " "	40 70
James Ragan, " "	57 25
Mason Guillow, for Bridge Plank,	26 86
C. & C. Mason, for Work on the Highway,	520 02
George K. Wright, " "	76 44
William Metcalf, " "	28 62
Thomas Grimes, " "	4 00
Solomon W. Raymond, for two Stone Culverts,	56 00
Elijah D. Kimball, for Work on the Highway,	11 00
Charles W. Heaton, " "	85 50
Sylvester Nurse, for Work on Stone Bridge,	16 50
Amos Howard, for Work on the Highway,	10 17
Charles Eveleth, " "	65 62
Lewis Pemberton, " "	3 00
Calvin Curtis, " "	9 00
Peter Hayward, " "	12 75
Luther M. Parker, " "	2 20
J. F. Nurse, Work on Beaver-st. and Bridge,	41 62
David B. Stearns, Work on the Highway,	13 50
William H. Woodward, " "	26 92
Miles S. Buckminster, " "	37 91
Perley Eveleth, " "	20 69
Isaac Rand, sand for Highway,	76
Chester Nims, Work on the Highway,	3 00
Hosea Towne, " "	1 75
Benjamin Mead, Work on the Sidewalk,	2 04
Franklin Fairbanks, Work on the Highway,	4 00
Jesse Grimes, " "	4 25
Ezra Livermore, " "	31 70
Eugene S. Ellis, " "	44 70
George S. Ellis, " "	30 89
Joseph Brown, " "	27 12
Thomas T. Russell, " "	30 00
Daniel Goodnow, " "	50 00
Jonathan Robinson, " "	27 72

Paid Ephraim F. Towns, for Work on Highway,	13 50
George A. Gordon, sand for Highway,	25 40
Henry Pond, " "	5 28
Jehiel Willson, Work on the Highway,	4 07
Joshua Graves, " "	6 00
James Wright, " "	53 80
Franklin D. Reed, " "	5 00
Albert P. Griffith, " "	9 00
Joseph Carpenter, " "	50 00
Jacob Staples, " "	33 00
Cyrus Hurd, " "	5 00
Luther Nurse, " "	15 00
Chase & Fairbanks, Bridge Plank,	17 67
George W. Sturtevant, Surveying,	3 00
James Dodge, Work on Highway,	3 76
George Goodnow, Work on his Road three years,	7 50
George W. Perry, Work on Highway,	2 00
Ashley Spaulding, Work on Bridge,	4 75
Patrick Dee, " "	2 50
Joseph Willson, Work on Highway,	4 03
Faulkner & Colony, Bridge Timber,	18 34
Joshua A. Towne,	12 00
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	\$1.904 34

*New Roads.*

Paid C. & C. Mason, for Building Bridge,	60 00
" " Stone Culvert,	30 00
E. H. Ingalls, Building Bridge,	54 00
L. M. Parker, " 36 rods Road,	168 12
C. W. Wyman, " 59 "	110 92
E. Livermore, " 47 "	22 09
A. Blake, for Land Damage,	200 00
Due R. Blake, " "	60 00
Paid E. Clark, for selling Road and Bridges,	1 00
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	\$706 13

Paid for Highways in 1860,	128 95
"      "      1861,	1.904 34
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	\$2.734 42
Amount raised for Repairs,	\$3.500 00
"      "      New Roads,	500 00
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	\$4.000 00
Expended for New Roads and Repairs,	2.734 42
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Amount now on hand,	\$1.265 58

In closing the Report on Highways and Bridges, we would say that we have not expended the amount raised by the town, and that the roads were in good condition throughout the town last fall. We have expended a small amount in rebuilding the dam in the Branch below the stone bridge on Main Street, as the water was some six inches below the wood-work under the abutments. There have been two large stone culverts built in the streets in the north part of the village; also one has been built on Ralston Street, and one on the Road to South Keene. The Beaver Street bridge has been altered, the abutment on the east side has been lengthened to the full width of the street, and the bank wall has been carried out to the full width of the street. And we would recommend the raising of the bridge fifteen inches and building it to the full width of the street. There will need a new covering to the bridge early in the spring.— There has been complaint about the covered bridge at South Keene, and there should be something done, as it is too low for the many large loads of wool that are constantly passing through the bridge; the floor is in a bad condition, and will need looking after very early in the spring. We would recommend to have the floor dropped down some eighteen inches and supported by rods of iron, as it could be done without injuring the bridge, and it would make an easier ascent to the bridge, and we think the cost could not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. At the



October Court the town was indicted on the road leading to South Keene. The road, as laid out and recorded, passes around the hill and under the railroad; but where the travel now goes there is no highway, beginning near the school house in No. 11 and ending at a point about forty rods distance, but merely a track built by the Cheshire Railroad Corporation for the accommodation of the town and their own benefit, while the Corporation filled up the laid out highway and left this track for the town to use and lay out and accept if they saw fit. We all know that it is one of the most dangerous places, as it is up hill going either way to the railroad crossing, and the train cannot be seen until you get very near the track. We entered into a contract with one of our most prominent citizens to put in some street crossings, and we filled our streets for that purpose; but for some reason unknown to the Selectmen the contractor failed to fulfil his part of the contract. There were no writings between the parties, and you well know it is an easy thing for some contractors to forget a bargain (that is, if they have a hard one), without it is in writing. We kept back a part of the highway money for this purpose. The bridge near John Colony's has been newly covered the past season, and is now in good condition. The bridges near J. Wilson's mills have been partially rebuilt and with good railings, and they now are in good condition and we think may stand a number of years. The bridge near Beaver Brook on Main Street will need new covering and some new stringers this Spring, as it is in a bad condition. There has been one case for which the town has been liable for insufficiency of the highway, and that occurred in Main Street. A horse broke through into the old log sewer, but the damage claimed was small, as you will see by the Report. The new roads laid out on the petition of John Chamberlain and others were built the past season; the cost exceeds the amount appropriated by the town. They were let out to different contractors, and the roads and bridges, we are pleased to say, were built in a thorough and workmanlike manner, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. We have endeavored to keep the highways in a good condition throughout the town with the least possible expense,

and we have not expended the amount appropriated by more than one thousand dollars, thinking that our tax payers would justify us in reserving this large sum in these times. We think that the present year the highways may be kept in good repair for one half the amount raised at the last annual meeting, as most of the bridges and the roads were in good condition last Fall.

*Miscellaneous.*

Paid I. Sturtevant, for 50 Town Warrants,	2 00
“ 1200 Selectmen's Reports,	75 00
“ Check List,	5 00
“ Police Laws,	4 00
Paid E. L. Abbott, for Police Badge,	2 50
“ Handcuffs,	2 50
Paid Keene Gas Light Company for Gas and Lighting Street Lamps,	327 75
Paid School Commissioner, for Teachers' Institute,	75 72
Paid Laton Martin, for Horse hire, Selectmen, 1859,	6 59
Paid N. H. Sentinel for advertising Town Warrant,	5 00
“ “ “ School Com. Notice,	2 50
“ “ “ Town Warrant,	2 50
Paid Silas Hardy, for engrossing an act—Water Works,	2 25
Paid George H. Tilden, for warning 30 Jurors,	11 70
“ “ Recording Intent of Marriages,	3 35
Paid G. & G. H. Tilden, for 30 Memorandums,	2 25
“ “ “ 3 Invoice Books,	3 00
“ “ “ 3 Collector's Books,	1 12
“ “ “ Binding 7 vols. Law,	4 37
“ “ “ Stationery,	6 70
Paid Shelly & Sawyer, for one Police Lantern,	1 25
Paid Geo. H. Richards, for Pistols for Volunteers,	500 00
Paid H. P. Muchmore, for finishing Hearse House,	6 00
Paid L. W. Slade, for over Tax,	1 70
Paid Thos. E. Hatch, for Postage Stamps,	1 98
Paid Mrs. Chapman, for Interest on Note,	60 00
Paid Savings Bank, for Interest on Notes,	596 00
Paid David Hutchins, for Storing Liquor two years,	20 00

Paid D. F. Hunt, for Horse Hire,	11 25
Paid Spaulding, Whitney & Co., for Horse Hire,	4 00
Paid J. & F. French, for Repairing Hearse,	3 65
Paid G. F. Starkweather, for Table for Police Court,	10 00
“ “ Two Dockets,	2 25
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	\$1.764 66
Amount raised by the Town,	1.500 00
“ Railroad Tax,	688 91
“ Showmens' License,	90 00
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	\$2.278 91

In the Miscellaneous Report we have added a number of small bills that belong to the Highway, Pauper and Fire Department. These bills were not handed in until the Reports of these departments were made up and printed.

The town voted at its last Annual Meeting to raise the sum of two thousand dollars towards paying the town debt; and at the meeting of August thirty-first, the town voted to borrow twenty-five hundred dollars for the aid of families of soldiers. After the town voted to borrow the money we did not deem it advisable to pay the amount raised for the town debt, but let it remain as it was the last year, and use the money as far as it would go for the aid of the soldiers' families; and we have endeavored to curtail the expenses in some of the other departments, so as to meet the other thousand dollars that we have expended for the soldiers' families without borrowing, and that will leave the town debt the same this year as last, with the exception of the accumulated interest on the note of Benjamin Pierce.

We have paid a small sum for storing the town liquor for the last two years, and it would be economy to either sell it or destroy it, for the charges of 10 per cent. we think are enormous for storing. We presume that there are those in town who would store it at a much cheaper rate, as we think quite a number have stored a large amount the past year, and paid a per cent. above the original cost.



## ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1862.

Ordinary Town Charges,	1.500 00
Highways and Bridges,	2.500 00
Support of Paupers,	1.200 00
Fire Department,	800 00
Relief of Soldiers' Families,	4.850 00
Gas and Lighting Street Lamps,	350 00
For Schools will be	3.786 00
County Tax "	2.733 86
State Tax "	1.514 40

In making these estimates, we are governed by the expenses of the past year. The town must raise the amount of School money by law; the amount for Gas and lighting Street Lamps is for the town to decide. For Highways and Bridges the amount is sufficient, if we have no new roads to build, or freshets to wash the roads; for ordinary Town Charges the amount will cover the expenses, without the expenses are largely increased from last year; for the support of Paupers it is the same as last year, which, you will see by the Report of Paupers, covers the expenses the past year: the State Tax is larger this year than last, but the County Tax is less. We have estimated the expenses of the soldiers' families to the amount we are now paying—four hundred and four dollars per month—for one year from April next, but as we may expect to draw a sum from the State, three thousand dollars will be sufficient, unless a number more should enlist and leave large families. The amount for the Fire Department is the same as last year, and will be sufficient unless we meet with accidents to the machines or loss by fire of our engine houses.

## RECAPITULATION.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1861,	2.231 93
Rec'd State Treasurer's Receipt,	1.325 10
County Treasurer's Receipt,	3.124 42
For Support of County Paupers, April, 1861,	494 64
For Support of County Paupers, October, 1861,	500 90
For Showmen's Licenses,	90 00
Of State Railroad Tax,	688 91
For Money advanced on Pistols,	500 00
For Stock from Town Farm,	83 60

Rec'd for Pauper from Stoddard,	27 25
For Liquor sold 1860,	3 48
Of D. N. Wright, Rents Town Hall Building,	425 00
Literary Fund,	305 70
Of Collector,	14.994 90
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	\$24.749 83

## EXPENDITURES.

For Town Farm,	835 81
Town Paupers,	708 99
County Paupers,	669 92
Jail Fees and Board,	29 38
Town Officers,	903 58
State Tax, as per Receipt,	1.325 10
County Tax, as per Receipt,	3.124 42
Fire Department,	1.486 43
Repairs Highways and Bridges, 1860,	123 95
Repairs Highways and Bridges, 1861,	1.904 34
Building New Roads and Bridges,	706 13
Insufficiency of Highways,	4 30
Schools,	5.230 00
Interest on Town Notes,	659 90
Collecting Taxes,	150 00
School House Tax in Centre District,	120 00
"        "        District No. 4,	7 50
"        "        District No. 10,	50 00
Lighting Street Lamps and Gas,	327 75
Miscellaneous,	891 89
Relief of Soldiers' Families,	3.049 36
Balance in Treasury,	2.445 08
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	\$24.749 83

*Property at the Town Farm.*

3 Oxen, 7 Cows, 2 Heifers, 1 Horse,	385 00
8 tons Hay, 1 ton Oat Straw,	86 00
15 bushels Corn, 30 bushels Oats, 8 bushels Barley,	36 25
3 Shoats, 12 Hens,	25 00
1 Cart, 1 Lumber Wagon, 1 Buggy,	80 00

1 Ox Sled, 1 Horse Sled, 1 Sleigh,	25 00
2 Grain Cradles, 1 Straw Cutter,	9 00
3 Plows, 5 Shovels, 4 Hoes,	13 00
5 Stake and 3 Draft Chains,	5 00
7 Rakes, 4 Scythes and Snaths,	3 00
2 Ox Yokes, 1 Stone Drag and Drag Plank,	5 00
1 Harrow, 1 Cultivator, 1 Pick, 2 Crowbars,	7 00
2 Harnesses, 1 Robe,	25 00
14 Meal Bags, 1 Fan Mill,	11 00
2 Forks, 1 Wheelbarrow, 3 Baskets,	5 00
100 Sap Buckets, 2 Sap Tubs, 1 Sap Pan,	13 00
4 Saws and 1 Cross Cut Saw,	5 50
4 Axes, 5 Augers,	5 50
30 Cords of Hard Wood,	75 00
1 Scalding Tub, 1 set of Measures,	1 75
2 Brass and 3 Iron Kettles,	6 00
3 Rocking Chairs, 20 Dining Chairs,	9 00
8 Tables, 10 Chests of Drawers,	15 00
14 Beds and Bedding, 16 Bedsteads,	72 50
5 Looking Glasses, 1 Brass Clock,	5 00
3 Tubs, 1 Churn, 1 Lantern,	6 50
Glass, Tin and Wooden Ware,	11 00
Cutlery, Crockery and Spoons,	7 00
9 Stoves, 1 Copper Tea Kettle,	56 50
4 Barrels Fresh and Salt Meat,	58 50
Half bushel White Beans,	1 00
75 bushels Potatoes,	22 50
3 barrels of Vinegar,	15 00
12 Cider Barrels, 7 Meat Barrels,	16 50
4 gallons Molasses,	1 50
1 barrel Flour and Rye,	6 50
2 pounds of Tea,	2 00
Lard, Butter and Cheese,	22 50
Pickles, Garden Seeds,	4 00
Whole Amount, March 1, 1862,	<hr/> \$1.159 50
Amount March 1, 1861,	1.170 75

## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

At Savings Bank,	9.928 79
Betsey Chapman,	1.000 00
Benjamin Pierce,	500 00
For Timber from Ministerial Lot,	1.580 49
Simmons Fund,	1.000 00
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	\$14.009 28
There will be due E. Leach, April 1, 1862,	250 00
“ “ Mrs. Chapman, Interest,	60 00
“ “ Simmons Fund,	60 00
“ “ Rent Police Court Room,	50 00
“ “ Interest Savings Bank, July 1,	298 45
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	\$718 45

The undersigned Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the accounts well and truly vouched for, and, according to our belief, the foregoing statement is correct.

WILLIAM S. BRIGGS,  
REUBEN STEWART,

Keene, March 3, 1862.

*Auditing Committee.*

The foregoing Report is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the town; and in closing we wish to say that the action of the Police Justice has the past year increased the duties of the Selectmen. In the month of May we rented a room of Shelly & Sawyer for the purpose of holding the Court at an expense to the town of five dollars per month, with the understanding that the Justice should furnish it with whatever was necessary for the room without any expense to the town; but as we were settling our accounts we had bills presented to us for goods bought by the Justice for furnishing the room and for the Court, and we objected to paying these bills, but we came to the conclusion to pay them and lay the matter before the town in this Report and let the town know the manner in which the Justice furnished the room and procured his dockets for the use of the Court. When we rented the room we expected that it would be kept for that purpose, but in a short time it was turned into a recruiting office without any notice being given, or without any compensation as yet. What the damage and expense will be to the town



for splitting wood in the room we are unable to say. The time will be up for which we rented the room April 1, 1862.

The payments of the Relief Committee, the increase in the trouble and perplexity attending this new and different class of payments cannot be easily estimated: persons enlisting from other towns and then moving their families into this town, and persons moving here for the purpose of enlisting and drawing aid on account of the liberality of Keene and the advice of some recruiting officer, has been attended with trouble.

The increase of the pauper has been attended with some trouble, more than would have been if our citizens would let them alone and not urge them to apply for help so often. There are some who seem to make it their business to keep continually applying for some one, not knowing whether they are in need of assistance or not: their chief aim is to get something from the town for themselves or for some friend, making the business very perplexing for the Overseers of the Poor.

NELSON N. SAWYER,  
GEORGE D. DORT,  
CHESTER NIMS,

*Selectmen of Keene.*

## THE TOWN OF KEENE, . . . . . CR.

### 1861. *By Fees received as Police Justice.*

May 28.	State vs. John O. Ryan—fine and cost,	3 84
July.	" Ashley Jones—from County,	3 52
August.	" George R. Wilson, "	3 68
Sept.	" Charles Wheeler, "	4 36
Oct. 14.	" C. Heustis, J. Heustis and J. Dillon,	16 18
Oct. 31.	" Harvey E. Rawson—fine 4, cost 1 18,	5 18
Nov. 6.	" Stephen B. Gary, on com. and warrant,	75
Nov. 18.	" Earness Howsman, fine 8, cost 1 93,	9 93
Nov. 25.	" Odelian Harris, fine 3, cost 1 18,	4 18
Dec. 9.	" Michael Cavanaugh and Geo. Wagner,	6 00
Jan. 24, 1862.	" Francis B. Gass, nolle prosequi, cost,	2 10
Feb. 4.	" Martin Ahern, fine 3, cost 1 73,	4 93
July 1, 1861.	In the action O. N. Russell vs. Charles B. Hill,—entry and judg't 50, execution 17,	67
"	Solon S. Wilkinson vs. Proctor A. Roberts, do.	67
"	Caleb T. Buffum & als. vs. P. W. Foster, do.	67
"	J. R. Beal & Co, vs. Charles H. Gove, do.	67

Aug.	School District No. 9, Westmoreland vs. Silas Brown,	1	17
	Entry, con. and trial,	1	17
"	Ashley Jones vs. Isaac H. Blake,		67
"	Joseph Thatcher vs. John Willard,		67
"	Shelly & Sawyer vs. John M'Lear—entry,		50
"	William French vs. John M'Lear, "		50
"	Warren O. Willson vs. John M'Lear, "		50
"	J. M. Farnam vs. C. W. Kellogg—entry, con. and trial,	1	17
"	J. F. Jennison vs. Charles Slyfield—entry and judg't,		50
Sept.	Peter B. Hayward, vs. James Rand, ent. &c.		50
"	O. H. Gillett vs. Cyrus Hurd —entry, continuance and trial	1	17, execution 17,
"	Warren O. Willson vs. John M'Lear—default,		50
Oct.	Abel Allen vs. Seth P. Wilbur,		67
"	William L. Davis vs. Carlos Shepard,		67
"	Madison Fairbanks vs. William I. Wilbur,		67
"	Shelly & Sawyer v. Lyman Barden,		67
"	E. F. & L. A. Adams vs. Bradley Rice,		67
Nov.	J. W. Frink vs. A. R. Hammond,		67
"	Alfred Davis vs. Henry W. Leonard,		67
"	Jeremiah Lyford, Jr. vs. Franklin Slyfield,		67
Dec.	Orville H. Gillett vs. Edward E. Lyman,		50
"	William Tenney vs. William A. Russell,		67
"	Elias Hardy vs. William A. Russell,		67
"	John J. Albee vs. Abner Fiske—entry and con.		67
"	Ashley Spaulding vs. Enos Bigelow,	1	34
"	Jeremiah Lyford, Jr. vs. Charles Slyfield,		67
"	Whitecomb & Dunbar vs. O. M'Coy—entry and con.		67
"	J. R. Beal & Co. vs. C. F. Woodward,		67
Jan. 1862.	Henry J. Wilbur, vs. Oliver P. Watkins,		67
"	Stephen B. Gary vs. Charles Rawson—entry, trial, and granting appeal,	1	51
"	Elbridge Clark vs. J. F. Horton—entry and con.		67
Received of	Lane & Colony 13 writs,	2	21
"	Harvey Carleton 14 writs,	2	38
"	Don H. Woodward, 58 writs,	9	86
"	Wheeler & Faulkner, 60 writs,	10	20
"	Silas Hardy, 10 writs,	1	70
"	Charles C. Webster, 16 writs,	2	72
			\$119 66

## TOWN OF KEENE,.....DR.

1861.	To Cash paid T. Groom & Co. for Court Seal,	5	00
"	" M. T. Tottingham, " Sign,	2	50—\$7 50
Leaving a balance due the Town,			\$112 16

Also, Fees are pending in certain cases beyond the jurisdiction of the Police Court, allowable by the County Solicitor.

GEORGE F. STARKWEATHER,

*Justice of the Police Court.*

CHESHIRE, ss, February 26, 1862.—George F. Starkweather personally appeared and made oath that the above is, in his belief, correct and just.

Before me,

LEVI CHAMBERLAIN,

*Justice of the Peace.*

*Report of Agent Town Hall Building.*

RECEIPTS.

Received for Rent of four Stores,	550 00
“ of D. Allen,	88 00
“ Musical Institute,	25 00
“ Universalist Society,	58 00
“ Professor Harrington,	8 00
“ Mr. Colburgh,	12 00
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	\$741 00
Balance due from last year's Report,	139 66
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	\$880 66

EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. P. Muchmore for repairs,	48 56
“ Briggs & Hitchcock,	26 29
“ H. Pond, for lumber, \$7 72—O. H. Gillett, \$2 65,	10 37
“ Care of Stores \$12—work on Hall \$1 75,	13 75
“ Repairs on Building \$5—Gas Company for repairs, \$6,	11 00
“ Gas to February 1st, 1862,	108 40
“ Wood and Sawing,	43 78
“ Cleaning, lighting, and care of Hall,	54 00
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	\$316 15
Paid into Town Treasury, as per receipts,	425 00
Cash and accounts due from Agent,	139 51
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	\$880 66

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. WRIGHT, *Agent.*

The undersigned, Selectmen of Keene, have examined the foregoing statements and find them correctly cast; we have also compared the Treasurer's account with the same and find them to agree, and we believe the accounts of the Agent, as made up, are well and truly kept.

NELSON N. SAWYER,

GEORGE D. DORT,

CHESTER NIMS,

Keene, March 4, 1862.

*Selectmen of Keene.*



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Keene:*

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully submit the following Report:

The two Engines, Deluge and Neptune, are in good and effective condition; a good and full Company is attached to each, under the foremanships respectively of Samuel Frink and Col. G. D. Dort. The Engines have both been somewhat improved the past year by enlarging the outlet for Leading Hose; the Hose purchased last year being larger, rendered the alteration necessary. It is a decided improvement.

The Hook and Ladder Company is in good condition and all right, under the orders of David H. Parker, Esq.

I would recommend that the old Engines known as the Lion and Tiger be disposed of and the proceeds be applied to the purchase of a new Hose Carriage for the Neptune Engine; the one used now is too small. It will be necessary to purchase at least five hundred additional feet of Hose the ensuing year, as some of the Hose now on hand is becoming unfit for use.

We have had an unusual number of fires the past year.

*March 10.*—The Shook Shop occupied by Porter & Willard and owned by Chase & Fairbanks, was entirely consumed. The Department were able to save the surrounding property. Loss, about \$500; insurance, \$250.

*April 22.*—The Coal House attached to the Gas Works was burned. The Department were promptly on hand, and by their exertions saved the coal. Loss, \$300; no insurance.

*July 4.*—Esty's Barn burned; no alarm given; the Department not out. Loss, \$200.

*July 28.*—Wood Shed connected with No. 10 School House was discovered on fire and an alarm was given. The Department were prompt, and prevented the fire from extending to the House. Loss about \$150.

*Aug. 7.*—Woodward's Stove and Foster's Organ Shops were burned. The Department were promptly on hand and saved the



adjoining buildings. The Deluge Engine House was slightly damaged. Woodward's loss, \$2.500; insurance, \$1.000.—Foster's loss, \$1.200; insurance, \$1.000. Wilder's loss on Building, \$2.000.

*Oct. 19.*—Oscar Burritt's House and out-buildings (known as the Hastings Place) were burned. The Department were called out, but the fire had made such progress while the Engines were being drawn some three miles through the mud and rain, that it was impossible to save the buildings, with the exception of a small House in the rear yard. The contents of the House were saved. Loss, about \$1.600; insurance, \$1.600.

*Feb. 4.*—Richards' wooden Building, between the Town Hall and Shelly & Sawyer's Block, was discovered to be on fire about 10 o'clock in the evening. The Department were promptly on the ground and did all that men could do, but the fire made such rapid progress that their efforts were only crowned with success in saving the adjoining property. The Building was occupied by Stephen Barker, Grocer, H. D. Randall, Shoe Shop, and Samuel Woodward, Tin Shop. G. H. Richards' loss on Building, \$2.500; insurance, \$1.500. Stephen Barker, Goods, \$2.500; insurance, \$1.600. Samuel Woodward & Co., Goods, \$1.200; insurance, \$800. H. D. Randall, Goods, \$1.500; insurance, \$1.500. Shelly & Sawyer's loss on Building, \$130.

It will be seen by the above Report that we have had warnings enough the past year to rouse up the citizens of Keene to the importance of affording the Firemen a better supply of water. We have as good Engines and as good men to man them as any one could desire, but the all important article we are short of, and I do hope that something can be done the ensuing season to obviate the present difficulty.

I would here express the deep sense of obligation I feel toward the Assistant Engineers of the Board and to every man connected with the Department, and to that portion of the citizens (who always do as they would be done by) for their cheerful co-operation in the affairs of the past year.

JOSEPH P. WELLS,

Keene, Feb. 25, 1862.

Chief Engineer.





